



# Sales Tax Rate Change Summary

## Informational Bulletin

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### To:

### All Retailers and Servicepersons Conducting Business in Units of Local Government That Have Imposed a Sales Tax Rate Change Beginning July 1, 2003

Effective **July 1, 2003**, certain units of local government have either imposed home rule sales tax, non-home rule sales tax, or county public safety sales tax on sales of general merchandise, and some that have previously imposed these taxes have changed their rates.

The new state and local combined rate is preprinted on Line 4a of Form ST-1, Sales and Use Tax Return, or Form ST-2, Multiple Site Form, as a total general merchandise rate. The combined rate is also shown in the table on the back of this bulletin.

It may be necessary to adjust your cash registers and any computer programs you use so that, beginning on July 1, you will collect and pay the correct amount of tax.

For a complete listing of statewide sales tax rates, see the July 1, 2003, version of our Publication ST-25, Illinois Sales Tax Rate Reference Manual.

### What is taxed?

You must collect home rule sales tax, non-home rule sales tax, and county public safety tax on sales of **general merchandise** (reported on Line 4a of Form ST-1 and Form ST-2). The same items of general merchandise reported on Form ST-1 and Form ST-2 that are subject to state sales tax are also subject to home rule sales tax, non-home rule sales tax, or county public safety sales tax.

Home rule sales tax, non-home rule sales tax and county public safety sales tax **do not** apply to sales of qualifying food, drugs, and medical appliances\* (reported on Line 5a of Form ST-1 and Form ST-2).

Also, home rule sales tax, non-home rule sales tax, or county public safety sales tax **do not** apply to items that must be titled or registered by an agency of Illinois state government (reported on Form ST-556, Sales Tax Transaction Return).

**Please note** that units of local government may impose and administer other taxes that are **not** collected by the Illinois Department of Revenue. Please contact your municipal or county clerk's office for more information.

### What do I do when a customer pays me on or after July 1 for a purchase that was delivered earlier and taxed at a different rate?

If the original purchase was subject to a tax rate that is different from the rate in Line 4a of Form ST-1 or Form ST-2, you must report these receipts on Line 8a.

**Note:** Line 8a is to be used only to report receivables subject to a previous tax rate. No other use of this line is permitted.



The following table outlines the sales tax rates for general merchandise effective July 1, 2003, for each of the units of local government in Illinois that have imposed a change in local

sales tax rates. You will find the combined rate preprinted on your Form ST-1 and Form ST-2 for each reporting period.

The sales tax rate changes listed below are the **only** rate changes effective July 1, 2003, that will be reflected on your Form ST-1 and Form ST-2.

|                    | Home Rule<br>Sales Tax<br>Rate Change | Non-home rule<br>Sales Tax<br>Rate Change | County Public<br>Safety Tax<br>Rate Change | General Merchandise<br>Combined Rate<br>Effective 7/1/03 |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------|---|--|--|
| Calumet Park       | + 1.00%                               | N/A                                       | N/A  | 8.75%  |
| Carol Stream       | + 0.50%                               | N/A                                       | N/A  | 7.25%  |
| Downers Grove      | + 0.50%                               | N/A                                       | N/A  | 7.25%  |
| Evergreen Park     | + 0.25%                               | N/A                                       | N/A  | 8.50%  |
| Havana             | N/A                                   | + 0.50%                                   | N/A  | 6.75%  |
| Lake Forest        | N/A                                   | + 0.50%                                   | N/A  | 7.00%  |
| Lincolnwood        | + 0.25%                               | N/A                                       | N/A  | 8.50%  |
| Macomb             | N/A                                   | + 0.50%                                   | N/A  | 7.25%  |
| Mount Vernon       | + 0.25%                               | N/A                                       | N/A  | 7.50%  |
| Norridge           | + 0.25%                               | N/A                                       | N/A  | 9.00%  |
| North Riverside    | N/A                                   | + 0.50%                                   | N/A  | 8.25%  |
| Riverwoods         | N/A                                   | + 0.50%                                   | N/A  | 7.00%  |
| Salem              | N/A                                   | + 0.50%                                   | N/A  | 7.00%  |
| Stickney           | + 1.00%                               | N/A                                       | N/A  | 8.75%  |
| Tilton             | N/A                                   | + 0.50%                                   | N/A  | 7.00%  |
| Clark County *     | N/A                                   | N/A                                       | + 1.00%                                    | 7.25%  |
| Fulton County *    | N/A                                   | N/A                                       | + 0.50%                                    | 6.75%  |
| Macon County *     | N/A                                   | N/A                                       | + 0.25%                                    | 6.50%  |
| Winnebago County * | N/A                                   | N/A                                       | + 1.00%                                    | 7.25%  |

\* These counties have imposed or increased the countywide county public safety sales tax. For units of local government within these counties that impose home rule sales taxes or non-home rule sales taxes, the ST-1/ST-2 combined rate varies. For all unincorporated areas and units of local government in these counties that do not impose home rule sales taxes or non-home rule sales taxes, the ST-1/ST-2 combined rates are the rates listed above which become effective July 1, 2003.